

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Proposing a Market Structure and Rules for the
Northern California Natural Gas Industry for the
Period Beginning January 1, 2003 as Required by
Commission Decision 01-09-016. (U 39 G)

Application 01-10-011
(Filed October 8, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SHORTENING TIME TO
RESPOND TO MOTION TO POSTPONE THE PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE FOR LITIGATION OF THE SCOPING MEMO ISSUES**

On September 5, 2002, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a "Motion To Postpone The Procedural Schedule For Litigation Of Scoping Memo Issues, And Request For Shortened Time For Responses." The motion requests that the Commission postpone the existing schedule for submitting testimony and for the holding of evidentiary hearings on the Scoping Memo issues, and that a prehearing conference be held in January 2003 to set the new dates for the submission of testimony and evidentiary hearings. The motion also requests that the time for responding to PG&E's motion be shortened to September 9, 2002, and that a ruling on the motion be issued by September 13, 2002.

PG&E states that an advance draft of the September 5, 2002 motion was circulated to all active parties on August 29, 2002. PG&E states that to its knowledge, no more than two or three parties may oppose the motion.

In order to issue a timely ruling on PG&E's September 5 motion to postpone the procedural schedule for the scoping memo issues, I will grant the

request to shorten the time for parties to respond to PG&E's motion. Interested parties will have until the close of business on September 10, 2002 to respond to PG&E's motion. Any party filing a response to the motion shall ensure that an electronic copy of the response is transmitted to the undersigned (jsw@cpuc.ca.gov), and the other parties on the service list, on the same day. A ruling on PG&E's motion will be issued on or before September 16, 2002.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) request to shorten the time for responding to its September 5, 2002 motion to postpone the procedural schedule for litigation of the scoping memo issues is granted as set forth below.

- a. Interested parties shall file a response to PG&E's September 5, 2002 motion no later than the close of business on September 10, 2002.
- b. Anyone filing a response to PG&E's September 5 2002 motion shall electronically serve the undersigned and the service list with a copy of the response on the same day it is filed.

Dated September 6, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ John S. Wong
John S. Wong
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time to Respond to Motion to Postpone the Procedural Schedule for Litigation of the Scoping Memo Issues on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 6, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen

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N O T I C E

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